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## Accident benefits charities

by Bill Warren

An unfortunate accident last week turned out to be a holiday godsend for many of the area's less fortunate residents. Fortunately, no one was injured in the crash.

A tractor trailer from Swift Transportation did a masterful impression of Santa's sleigh after it rolled over on US 27 near Moore Haven carrying a load of produce and meat to a Walmart Distribution warehouse. As a result, Walmart had to reject the load.

At that time Swift Transportation was notified by the Florida highway Patrol and the Department of Transportation at the scene that they could donate the load to local charities.

The product was reloaded onto another Walmart trailer and hauled to the old U-Save parking lot in LaBelle.

Lisa Sands with the Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry and Glades

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## The Reason for the Season

First Baptist Church's Living Nativity reminded everyone at Christmas in the Park that it was a very special birth that is responsible for the Christmas Season. Here Jessica and Christopher Zimmerly portray the Holy Family at the manger. Additional photos on Page 12.

## Alcohol may have role in traffic death

by Jose Zaragoza  
Glades County Democrat

The Florida Highway Patrol is reporting that an elderly man who was involved in a golf cart versus pickup truck accident at the beginning of December has passed away as a result of the injuries he sustained that night. The accident happened on Dec. 1, just minutes before 8 p.m., according to a report released by FHP.

Lynwood Ellis Brown, 75, of LaBelle, was making his way past Loblolly Bay Road in his Workhorse ST350, a regular-sized golf cart. While heading west on the road, Mr. Brown attempted to maneuver a left turn at the intersection to get on Tom Coker Road.

According to the report, the driver of the golf cart had been drinking. As a result, Mr. Brown did not see a pickup truck closing in from the opposite direction. Investigators say that when the golf cart driver failed to yield right of way to the Dodge Durango, the truck struck the golf cart and caused the older man to be ejected.

The truck was driven by another LaBelle resident, J. Lorenzo Reyes Rodriguez, 58. It struck the golf cart with its front, impacting the smaller vehicle from its right side.

Mr. Brown was airlifted to Lee Memorial Hospital due to the severity of his injuries. He would remain at the hospital for nearly 20 days, with doctors working to improve his condition. He was pronounced deceased on Dec. 19 at 3:41 a.m.

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## Christmas Briefs



### Homemade Traditional Christmas Dinners

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Legion members prepare and volunteers deliver about 500 meals to local needy families, home alone persons with no family and shut-ins in the LaBelle area.

If you know of anyone or a family who should have a Christmas meal delivered please notify the Post and provide them with: their name, correct delivery address, phone number and how many meals need to be delivered.

Someone must be home to receive the dinner or it must be picked up at the Legion between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Anyone needing a dinner must be on the Christmas Dinner Delivery List by noontime Christmas Eve - Saturday, Dec. 24.

Call the Post at 863-675-8300 or E-mail: Nikki@NikkiYeagerRoser.com.

Volunteers are welcome and needed to help assemble meals and/or deliver meals on Christmas Day which is Sunday this year. Assembly will begin at 9 a.m.

Drivers will be needed shortly after that.

### LaBelle Assembly of God to celebrate Christmas early

That's right, Saturday evening at 7 p.m. the Assembly of God Church will have its Christmas Service with Holy Communion by candlelight and oil lamp. David Miller, Jr. is coming in from the University of Florida to tell the Christmas story to the congrega-

tion.

Everyone is invited to attend this heartwarming time of Christmas caroling and giving thanks for the birth of our Lord. For more information 675-0900.

Then on Sunday, December 25, you can open gifts, have time to cook that fabulous feast, sleep in or take a trip to see family and friends. The people of LaBelle Assembly wish you and your family the best of Christmas.

### Christmas with the Clauses

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be at VFW Post 10100 Friday, Dec. 23, at 5 p.m. Free hot dogs and soda for children under 12. Mom, Dad - you can get a photo of Santa and the kids for just \$1.

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# Community blanket drive a success

Pastor LW Howard of Community Harvest Worship Center here in LaBelle expresses great appreciation to all of the pastors and their churches for the support they extended in the blanket drive to the needy people in the Appalachian Mountains in northeast Kentucky.

Pastor Howard and Reverend Ronnie Revels of the Gathering of Christian Men of LaBelle left December 6 and delivered the 400 plus blankets and the 300 sheets to the distribution area in Winchester, Kentucky, and returned to LaBelle.

This blanket drive could not have been a success without the help of Dr. Tom Atchison, President of "New Beginnings of Tampa," along with Community Harvest, First Christian Church, LaBelle Assembly, LaBelle Church of God, Eastside Baptist, Caloosa Baptist, Gathering of Christian Men of LaBelle, members of the CERT team in LaBelle and all of the individuals that I don't know that helped. Your benevolent heart is recorded of the Lord and you will be blessed for giving.



Submitted photos/Bill Warren  
**Salvation Army trucks, RCMA vehicles and numerous vehicles from churches and other charities all waited patiently for their turns to receive some of the food being donated after a Swift Transportation truck crashed on US 27. This is a small sample of the boxes of food stuffs that were made available for those in need during this holiday season.**

## Benefits

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counties, was notified and the unexpected holiday bonanza began.

Lisa and Arlene Bettercourt with the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades coordinated the distribution of products.

According to Lisa the truck had 35,000 pounds of product, probably well worth

over \$100,000, all of which were distributed to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, The Salvation Army, and about 19 to 20 other charitable organizations and churches locally.

## Arrest Reports

### LaBelle

Arturo Benitez Aguilar, 27, was arrested Dec. 17 and charged with battery on a law enforcement officer, firefighter or EMT and resisting/interfering with law enforcement with violence. Sgt. J. Woods was arresting officer.

Dennis Kenneth Graham, 51, was arrested Dec. 15 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell, etc., within 1,000 feet of a specific area schedule II, selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a place of worship or business schedule II and possession of cocaine.

Jorge Luis Padilla, 40, Onel Tejera Gonzalez, 36, and Yoneiki Gonzalez Rodriguez, 34, were arrested Dec. 13 and charged with battery causing bodily harm and robbery by sudden snatching without a firearm or weapon. N. Reed was arresting officer.

Onel Tejera Gonzalez, 36, was arrested Dec. 13 and charged with battery causing bodily harm and robbery - sudden snatching without a firearm or weapon

Alvin Lorenzo Hargrove, 49, was arrested Dec. 14 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license first offense, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, possession/use of drug equipment and smuggling contraband into a detention facility. D. White was arresting officer.

Santos Mitchell Santana, 46, was arrested Dec. 15 and charged with selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school/childcare facility/park, etc. schedule II, selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a place of worship or business schedule II and possession of cocaine.

Lawrence Percell Thomas, 33, was arrested Dec. 15 and charged with two counts of selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school/child care facility etc., two counts of selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a place of worship or business and two counts of possession of cocaine.

### Clewiston

Michael Henry Gilbert, 47, was arrested Dec. 17 and charged on a warrant with fraud/false statement in title transfer. L. Brooks was arresting officer.

Jaquanda Genisha Stoudmire, 17, was arrested Dec. 17 and charged with battery touch/strike and aggravated battery - knew or should have known victim was pregnant. C. Green Jr. was arresting officer.

Randi Lea Rogers, 24, was arrested Dec. 15 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. N. Krause was arresting officer.

Myleka T. Perkins, 25, was arrested Dec. 14 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent. CPD Officer J. Rojas was arresting officer.

Jeremiah Terrell Johnson, 25, was arrested Dec. 11 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied structure unarmed and grand theft \$300-\$5,000. R. Garcia was arresting officer.

Arthur Tishion Harrington, 17, was arrested Dec. 14 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon no intent to kill and battery touch/strike. L. Beckford was arresting officer.

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From all of us at the  
Caloosa Belle

We would like to thank you for all your support  
thoughtout the year, and look forward  
to serving you in the New Year.

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Fri., December 23 at 3 pm for the 12/29/11 issue  
and  
Fri., December 30 at 3 pm for the 01/05/12 issue

Thank you again,  
Patty, Barbara and Dale

# Christmas trees are essential, so we mustn't forget

by **Les Morgan**

Have you ever wondered why we have a decorated Christmas tree? Tradition tells us that in the 7th century a monk from Crediton, Devonshire, went to Germany to teach the Bible. He did many good works there, in Thuringia, an area which was to become the cradle of the Christmas decoration industry.

Legend has it that he used the triangular shape of the fir tree to describe the Trinity. By the 12th century it was being hung, upside-down, from ceiling



**Les Morgan**

ings at Christmastime in Central Europe, as a symbol of Christianity.

The first decorated tree was at Riga in Latvia, in 1510. In the 16th century, Martin Luther is said to have decorated a small Christmas tree with candles, to show his children how the stars twinkled through the dark night.

Shortly thereafter, Christmas markets were set up in German towns, to provide everything from Christmas presents, to food like gingerbreads and ornaments for their Christmas trees.

It is believed the early trees were biblically symbolic of the Paradise Tree in the Garden of Eden. The many food items were symbols of plenty, the flowers, originally only red (for

knowledge) and white (for innocence).

Tinsel was invented in Germany around 1610. Initially, machines were invented to pull the silver out into the wafer thin strips for tinsel. Silver was used for tinsel right up to the mid-20th century.

The Christmas Tree first came to England via the Georgian Kings, from Germany. The British public were not fond of the German Monarchy, so did not copy the fashions at Court. A few families did have Christmas trees however, and were probably influenced by their German neighbors. The custom was to have several small trees on tables, one for each member of the family, with that person's gifts stacked on the table under the tree.

In 1846, the popular Royals, Queen Victoria and her German Prince, Albert, were featured in the Illustrated London News standing with their children around a Christmas Tree. Victoria was very popular, and what was done at Court immediately became fashionable even in the East Coast American Society. Thus the English Christmas Tree had arrived!

Decorations were still 'home-made' and young ladies spent hours quelling snowflakes and stars, sewing little pouches for secret gifts. Small bead decorations, fine drawn out silver tinsel came from Germany together with beautiful angels to sit at the top of the tree. Candles were often placed into wooden hoops for safety.

Just as the first trees introduced into Britain did not immediately take off, the early trees introduced into America by the Hessian soldiers were not recorded in any particular quantity. The Pennsylvanian German settlements had community trees as early as 1747. America being so large, tended to have 'pockets' of customs relating to the immigrants in a particular area. In the 19th century, however, customs began to spread.

By the 1870s, glass ornaments were being imported into Britain and it became a status symbol to have glass ornaments on the tree. The empire was growing, and the popular tree topper was the nation's flag and trees became very patriotic.

They were imported into America around 1880, where they were sold through stores like Woolworth's. American patents for electric lights (1882) and metal hooks for safer hanging of decorations onto the trees came about 1892.

The limited availability of decorations in earlier decades had kept trees to table trees. Now with decorations as well as crafts more popular than ever, there was no excuse.

The High Victorian of the 1890s was a child's joy to behold! By 1900 themed trees were popular. A color theme set in ribbons, or balls, a topical idea such as an Oriental tree, or an Egyptian tree.

With the death of Victoria in 1903, the nation went into mourning and fine trees were somewhat absent until the Dickensian fashion of the 1930s.

In America, settlers from all over Europe took their customs also in the 19th century. Decorations were not easy to find in the shanty towns of the West. People began to make their own out of all kinds of cutouts, which stitched and glued. Later the artificial tree became popular. These were originally invented in the 1880s in Germany, to combat some of the damage being done to fir trees in the name of Christmas.

In the 1930s there was a revival of Dickensian nostalgia, particularly in Britain. Christmas trees became large, and real again, and were decorated with many bells, balls and tinsels, and with a beautiful golden haired angel at the top. But in wartime England it was forbidden to cut trees down for decoration.

Postwar Britain saw a revival of the nostalgic again as people needed the security of Christmas. Trees were as large as people could afford. In South Wales, where real trees were often difficult to find in the rural areas, holly bushes were decorated.

Real Christmas trees have always been popular. However, many housewives preferred the convenience of the authentic looking artificial trees which were being manufactured. If your room was big enough, you could have a 14-foot artificial Spruce right there in your living room, without a single dropped needle - and so good that it fooled everyone at first glance. There are even pine scented sprays to put on the tree for that "real tree smell!"

We all have our family traditions of how a Christmas tree "ought" to be decorated. No matter how you decorate your tree at home, it is important to remember that the origin of this special Christmas symbol has its history from an evergreen tree. That is important,

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## Letter to the Editor

December 15, 2011

*Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation United States Senate & House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

*Re: EPA Approval Needed for Florida's New Nutrient Criteria Rules*

**Dear Senators and Representatives,**

On December 8, 2011, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection concluded an exhaustive state rulemaking process that establishes the most comprehensive nutrient water quality criteria program in the nation.

We need your help in seeking full U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval of this holistic state rule and its withdrawal of EPA rulemakings establishing federal numeric nutrient criteria in Florida.

We all support clean water and Florida has an impressive track record implementing a progressive and successful state water resource management program. Florida recently finalized a numeric nutrient criteria rule that builds upon this foundation.

The state rule establishes numeric nutrient targets for all natural freshwater streams, springs, and lakes. The rule also sets 64 site specific numeric nutrient targets for Florida estuaries and requires remaining estuaries to have numeric targets by June 2015.

Florida's existing narrative nutrient criterion will continue to apply to canals and ditches.

We believe that Florida has earned the right to exercise its Clean Water Act authority to implement its state nutrient criteria rule through an EPA approved process.

While Florida's new nutrient criteria rule will be costly and difficult to implement, the rule is notable in its design to promote cost effective nutrient reduction projects that will create measurable environmental and biological improvements.

The Clean Water Act clearly provides that the states should have primacy in managing the quality of their own waters. EPA has further advocated that the states take the lead in protecting their waters from nutrient pollution.

An EPA approval of Florida's nutrient rules would be consistent with the Clean Water Act's cooperative federalism structure and would clearly demonstrate EPA's commitment to promoting state led solutions for nutrient water quality protection and restoration.

In light of the comprehensive process that has occurred at the state level to develop a Florida solution to its numeric nutrient issue, and the EPA's position encouraging the states to lead in these efforts, we respectfully request that you ask EPA to approve Florida numeric nutrient criteria rules and withdraw its federal rule makings.

Signed by **36 Florida agribusiness companies**

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## The Counselor's Corner

As the school year progresses, LHS Guidance wants to remind parents and students that there are important tasks that must be remembered during the winter break:

- Keep track of graduation requirements based on academic history;

- Parents and students track grades and upcoming events and news using; LHS pinacle and the LHS Web site;

- Please remember to READ throughout the winter break. A proactive reading attitude will help student achieve on the FCAT, ACT, SAT and in school. We listed a few tips to help families and students work together to improve reading:

- Crack open the dictionary - Let your child see you use a dictionary. Challenge each other to learn new words!

- Start a book club time at home or with family and friends - build your child's background knowledge, which is crucial to listening and reading comprehension.

### Seniors

- Apply for Florida Bright Futures (you must register if eligible):

[www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org);

- Register for an ACT/SAT/College Placement Test

- Apply to colleges of interest - remember

to sign-up in Guidance for your transcripts to be sent by Ms. Hegley;

- Mark your calendar for Financial Aid Night on January 26, 2012, at 7 p.m. in the LHS Auditorium;

- Order and monitor the delivery of your cap, gown, and graduation announcements;

- Start gathering your financial documents for the FAFSA; submission anytime after January 1, 2012, ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)) which must be completed by all students. Florida's financial aid deadline for the FAFSA is May 15, 2012;

- Remember to work on volunteer hours, which are due for Fl. Bright

Futures by March 2, 2012

- Remember to check your grades, senior calendar, and academic histories to ensure that you are on track for graduation!

LHS Guidance hopes that all students and parents enjoy their winter break and return to school healthy and rested. We truly enjoy working with all students and their parents. Have a wonderful Christmas and safe holiday season!

## Scholarship process begins Dec. 22

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Dec. 15, 2011) – The Southwest Florida Community Foundation's scholarship application process for the 2012 school year will begin on Dec. 22. Approximately \$400,000 in scholarships are available including scholarships for local high school, undergraduate and graduate students from of Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Collier counties.

The E-Apply online scholarship application tool can be accessed through the community foundation's website at [www.floridacommunity.com/scholarships](http://www.floridacommunity.com/scholarships). Students interested in applying for a community foundation scholarship are able to access an application online. Students can review the scholarships online as well as a tutorial about how to create and submit the online application.

Students can apply for multiple scholarships and have the ability to upload transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, letters of recommendation and financial documentation (if required). For need-based scholarships, students are required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2012.

"We have scholarships for vocational students, not just for attendance at colleges and universities," said Anne Douglas, director of programs for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

According to Douglas, examples of some of the more unique scholarships not as highly sought after include scholarships for technical schools, students with disabilities, fine or performing arts majors, photography studies, returning students and those wishing to pursue teaching and healthcare professions.

The Anne Fassett Scholarship was established to fund post high school educational opportunities at the college, community college or technical school level for high school,

undergraduate, and graduate students from Southwest Florida with a physical disability who use a wheelchair.

The Bruce T. Gora Scholarship funds a scholarship for a high school senior or a student currently enrolled at an accredited college, university or technical school in Florida to pursue a fine arts major in photography.

There are also scholarships for those returning to school. The Chip Johnson Memorial Scholarship was established to fund scholarships for students who have completed 60 hours of college and attend one of the local colleges or universities, including Barry University, Edison State College, Florida Gulf Coast University, Hodges University or Nova Southeastern University. It was established in 1991 in memory of Chip Johnson who died of cancer at age 44. Chip's father Dr. Franklyn A. Johnson said he wanted to leave a legacy for his son who was an Army veteran serving overseas during the Vietnam War.

The John and Madeleine Taeni Scholarship was established in November 2002 by Madeleine Taeni for students who graduated from high school at least two years ago and are now pursuing degrees in teaching, nursing, paramedic training or emergency medical technician training.

There are even scholarships for students from specific communities served by the community foundation. In 2011, \$404,000 in scholarships were awarded by the community foundation.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation is celebrating its 35th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Collier counties. With assets of more than \$60 million, the community foundation has provided more than \$49 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves.

For more information, call 239-274-5900 or visit [www.floridacommunity.com](http://www.floridacommunity.com).

## Career Corner

### Veteran's Employment by Matt Kindermann

Last month, President Obama launched the Veterans Gold Card initiative to help decrease veteran unemployment. Post 9/11 veterans can access the Gold Card at [www.dol.gov/vets/gold-card.html](http://www.dol.gov/vets/gold-card.html) where they receive access to veterans initiatives provided by the Department of Labor. Veterans can enroll in the free national Veterans Job Bank, which provides job searching for veteran specific jobs. Employers can also sign up on the Veterans Job Bank to post veteran specific job openings for free.



**Matt Kindermann**

Veterans also receive preference points when applying for government jobs based on their service category. Essentially, any veteran discharged honorably and having either served during a time of war, or having an expeditionary or campaign medal, qualifies for five preference points. A disabled veteran will have additional points depending on extent of disability. However, a veteran cannot claim preference without a DD214 that identifies the service period or award. DD214's can be attained now in five to ten working days by requesting a certified copy through [www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/). Complete information on Veterans Preference

for employers and veterans can be found at [www.opm.gov/staffingportal/vetguide.asp](http://www.opm.gov/staffingportal/vetguide.asp).

If the veteran does not have written documentation of their disability, call the VA at 1-800-827-1000 to request a letter of disability which will clearly indicate the level or percentage of disability. Also, the Veterans Service Officer for Hendry/Glades Counties can be reached for appointment at 863-675-5250 to discuss additional veteran benefits.

There are many incentives available to employers who hire veterans, including the training in leadership, work ethic and teamwork that comes with the veteran's service background. Take advantage of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit which provides up to \$9,000 over two years for the full time employment of a disabled veteran. To learn more about business tax credits, go to [www.floridajobs.org](http://www.floridajobs.org), and select "Find tax Credit" under the Business Growth tab.

The VA provides a therapist for combat zone veterans every Thursday from 8-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 130. Veterans can get a Florida Veteran's Driver's License from any state driver's license office or county tax collector for \$1 plus cost of renewal but they must bring their DD214 which shows an honorable discharge. Veterans seeking employment should report to their local One-Stop for intensive services and assignment to a Veterans Representative for individual career counseling. To find a One-Stop nearest you, go to [www.swflworks.org](http://www.swflworks.org) and click on "Locations."

## Christmas Trees

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for it represents what God promises to all who call on Him for forgiveness – everlasting life! He gladly supplies that by His grace. The lights also serve to remind us that Christ came into our dark world to offer the light of His love and mercy. The star atop of the tree is emblematic of the star that shone over the stable the night in Bethlehem when Christ was born.

As Christmas is upon us, think about what we know about the Christmas tree and its unique history throughout the generations.

One other thing we all need to recall, as well... they are called "Christmas Trees." Make sense? They are not "Holiday Trees" or "Hanukkah bushes." Nor are they "Allah plants." I have nothing against those of varying faiths.

As Americans those of different beliefs are free to worship (or not) as they deem appropriate, so long as they are not violating the laws of our land established by our Judeo-Christians ethics.

However, it is essential for us to recall that we are celebrating the birth of a holiday. We are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ! Hence, it is a Christmas tree.

Take a stand and pass this on. And, Merry Christmas.

**Dr. Les Morgan is pastor of Caloosa Baptist Church locate on Highway 80 in LaBelle.**

## Speak Out

### Bring your baby to school

I just wanted to congratulate LaBelle High School and Hendry County for the successful "shower" given to our teen mothers. It was a wonderful success! There were babies, strollers and gifts. Thank you for sending those wonderful mixed messages! Honor students who work hard, don't use drugs or flaunt tear drop tattoos just don't make the grade. I guess they have to have a baby in order to be recognized for their efforts. Shame on you!

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# Holiday season health and safety tips

by Pat Dobbins

The holidays are a time to celebrate with family and friends. It is also a time to pay special attention to your health and the health of your family. Give the gift of health and safety by following these holiday tips.

## Keep an eye on your children:

Keep your children with you at all times while you are shopping. Accompany and supervise your children in public facilities and restrooms. Have a plan in case you become separated.

If your kids are old enough to understand, have a pre-designated spot to meet if you get separated.

Teach children to look for people who can help, such as a uniformed security officer, salesperson or even a mother with children. Remind children to remain in the area where they become separated.

## Your Child's Safety:

Keep a watchful eye on your kids when they're eating and playing.

Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, choking hazards (like coins and hard candy), and other objects out of kids' reach.

Learn what to do for children who are choking. Make sure toys are used properly.

## Wash your hands often:

Keeping your hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.

Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.

If soap and clean water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizing product.

## Stay warm:

Cold temperatures can cause serious health problems, especially in infants and older adults.

Stay dry, and dress warmly in several layers of loose-fitting, tightly woven clothing.

## Manage stress:

The holidays don't need to take a toll on your health.

Be aware of your actions, try not to over-commit or over-spend.

Try to balance your work, home, and play. Get support from your family and friends.

Try to keep a relaxed and positive outlook.

## Travel safely:

Whether you're traveling across town or around the world, keep safety in mind.

DO NOT drink and drive, and don't let someone else drink and drive.

Wear a seat belt every time you drive or ride in a motor vehicle.

Always buckle your child in the car using

a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to their height, weight, and age.

## Be smoke-free:

Avoid smoking and breathing other people's smoke. If you smoke, quit today!

Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or talk to your health care provider for help.

## Get check-ups and vaccinations:

Exams and screenings can help find problems before they start.

They can also help find problems early, when the chances for treatment and cure are better.

Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Schedule a visit with your health care provider for a yearly exam.

Ask what vaccinations and tests you should get based on your age, lifestyle, travel plans, medical history, and family health history.

## Prevent injuries:

Injuries can occur anywhere and some often occur around the holidays.

Use step stools instead of furniture when hanging decorations.

Leave the fireworks to the professionals. Wear a bicycle helmet to help prevent head injuries.

## Fire Safety:

Most residential fires occur during the winter months.

Keep candles away from children, pets, walkways, trees, and curtains.

Never leave fireplaces, stoves, or candles unattended.

Don't use generators, grills, or other gasoline- or charcoal-burning devices inside your home or garage. Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home. Test them once a month, and replace batteries twice a year.

## Handle and prepare food safely:

As you prepare holiday meals, keep you and your family safe from food-related illness.

Wash hands and surfaces often. Avoid cross-contamination by keeping raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs (including their juices) away from ready-to-eat foods and eating surfaces.

Cook foods to the proper temperature. Refrigerate promptly. Do not leave perishable foods out of the refrigerator for more than two hours.

## Don't forget your pets!

Protect pets from rabies: Pets are considered family members.

Keep them healthy and safe as well. Visit your veterinarian with your pet on a regular basis and keep rabies vaccinations up-to-date.

Do something positive for yourself and for those around you and you will be happier and healthier!

An act of kindness goes a long way! Have a happy and healthy holiday season!



Patricia Dobbins

## Church Briefs

### New worship service at Port LaBelle Inn

Artie and Dora Carnes are no longer associated with "The Glades RV Resort." They continue to direct "Christian Contender Ministries" and they are beginning a Worship Service at The Port LaBelle Inn each Sunday at 10 a.m.

They have moved to LaBelle and will be working in this community to establish an Independent Christian Church. Those who are interested in helping with this effort should call Artie at 1-812-821-3037 or Dora at 1-812-821-3038. They had been conducting a worship service at "The Glades" and the attendance grew to over 100 during the heat of the tourist season.

### Openings at First Baptist preschool

The First Baptist Preschool of LaBelle has childcare openings in the nursery and toddler programs. They take children in their nursery starting from six weeks.

The preschool is a ministry of the First Baptist Church and is located at 330 North Main St., LaBelle. Please call Tara Sherrod at 675-2171 ext. 105 for more information.

## School Briefs

### Step Up for Students

Step Up For Students Scholarship will soon end their applications for the 2011-2012 school year.

January 15, 2012, marks the last official day new and renewal families will have access to the online application for the 2011-12 school year.

If you are considering placing your child in a private school, please, apply as soon as possible.

Step Up For Students Scholarship is based on financial need.

International Christian Academy of LaBelle (K-12th) accepts the Step Up For Students scholarships ([www.stepupforstudents.org](http://www.stepupforstudents.org)) and the McKay scholarship ([www.floridaschoolchoice.org](http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org)).

Step Up For Students plan to begin accepting renewal applications for the 2012-13 school year in early February 2012.

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## Community Briefs

### Searching for Gold Star Mothers

The traveling Viet Nam Wall, a replica of the original in Washington, DC., will be in Fort Myers Thursday, Jan. 25-29 at the Lee County Sports Complex. Events are free and open to the public.

A special ceremony will honor Gold Star Mothers - those who have suffered the ultimate price when they lost a son or daughter in one of America's conflicts. Mothers of any Hendry/Glades area serviceman killed in Vietnam are being sought to be recognized at the event.

Anyone with information on local Gold Star Mothers from any of America's wars is asked to contact Donna Gerber at 239-565-6784 or donnagerber@avtt.org.

### Sign up for SCF baby and children's pageant

The Swamp Cabbage baby and children's pageant is under way! Newborn to 11 years old winners in each age division. See Melinda at Langford Ford to sign up! Winners will be crowned at the Queen and Princess Pageant on Feb. 4 at LaBelle High School. Girls win sparkling tiaras and boys cool crowns! Everyone gets a trophy!

### Daniels School photos needed

The Ford/Sunset Park community is looking for old photos of the Daniels School from the '50s or '60s. If anyone has any of these photos they'd like to share, please call Dorothy Johnson at 863-675-6131.

### Gardeners to meet

The LaBelle Garden Club will meet Monday, Dec. 26, at 5:30 p.m. at Margaret England's home at 380 Riverview Dr. 863-674-0695. (Turn south on to Hardee Street at Log Cabin Restaurant, at end of Hardee turn right on Fraser. Go 1 block to Riverview Dr. - 380 Riverview is the house on left at corner of Riverview Dr. and Fraser.) Bring leftovers from Christmas, or a dish to share. There will be a time for questions and answers along with fun and fellowship. Bring a friend and join in a fun-filled evening. Bring a plant if you have one to exchange - if not come anyway, you'll come away with one or more plants. For more information, call President Terri at 863-675-2392 or Treasurer Irene Doub at 863-675-0374.

### VFW news

VFW Post 10100 will serve a pork schnitzel lunch with mashed potatoes and corn Thursday, Dec. 22 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$6.

There will be a Christmas pot luck dinner with ham at the post on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1 p.m.

The VFW has Bingo open to the public every Monday. 6:30 p.m.

Charcoal grilled hamburgers every Saturday 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$3. Serving stops promptly at 1:30 so come early.

Members are reminded that their 2011 membership card will become invalid on Dec. 31. After that date they will not be allowed canteen privileges without a valid

2012 card.

The post is located on SR 29S by the rodeo grounds.

VFW Post 10100 will pay the initial membership fees and annual dues for any armed forces personnel currently serving in harm's way. For information, please call 863-675-8008.

### Pets for Christmas

Caloosa Humane Society is offering Dog Gone Good Christmas Specials. Santa Paws is offering Home for the "Howl" idays, adopt a dog or puppy for \$25. He is feeling jolly and also offering 12 Days of "Cat"mas, adopt a cat or kitten for \$12. An approved adoption application is required. These special offers are good from December 12-24. Come meet your new furry friend and get plenty of kisses under the mistletoe in time for a very Merry Christmas! Stop by 1200 Pratt Blvd, call 863-675-0997, or go to [www.caloosahumanesociety.org](http://www.caloosahumanesociety.org) to check out our lovely pets!

### Spay or neuter your pets!

Caloosa Humane Society has a low-cost spay/neuter clinic Dec. 23 and 30. Call for an appointment. Walk-in low-cost vaccination clinic on these same dates from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. More information at 863.675.0997, [www.caloosahumanesociety.org](http://www.caloosahumanesociety.org).

### Quit smoking now

If you're ready to quit, help is available. Quit Smoking Now with free Nicotine Replacement Therapy including gum, patches and lozenges for those that are eligible. Registration is required.

Come to the Hendry Regional Medical Center, 450 South Main Street, LaBelle. There will be six classes beginning Wednesday, January 11. Sessions are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

To register or for more information contact: Angelica Peña, QSN Facilitator, at 863-902-3019. Sponsored by Everglades Area Health Education Center [www.eahealtheducation.com](http://www.eahealtheducation.com).

### SAO closing

The State Attorney's Office closes today at noon (Thursday, Dec. 22) in observance of the Christmas holiday. It will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 8:30 a.m.

### Social security

If you have questions about Social Security or Supplemental Security Income or need help to complete and application for old age, disability and survivors insurance, Medicare or Supplementary Security income benefits, a representative will be at the United Way House, 117 Fort Thompson Ave, Tuesday, Jan. 3, from 9 a.m. till noon.

### Pony found

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office recovered a pony that was running loose on the roadways in Montura. If you've lost a pony, please contact the Ag Unit at 863-674-5600 or 863-805-5000.

### AMVETS starting post

VFW Post 10100 is sponsoring the start up of an AMVETS (American Veterans) Post in LaBelle. Any veteran honorably discharged since WWII is eligible to join the AMVETS. That includes Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard. For more information call Mark Schoenwald at 239-246-3094 or come to VFW Post 10100 for an application.

### Sit! Stay! Heel!

Caloosa Humane Society is offering another six-week dog training program! Classes are on Mondays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for \$100. We will offer basic obedience skills like sit, stay, heel, no jumping, etc. Advanced

classes will be offered to the graduates of the Basic Training Classes. There will be separate classes for puppies and adult dogs. Proof of rabies (dogs over four months) and DHPPC vaccination are required to be in the program. Necessary vaccinations are offered at the shelter and can be done prior to the class for only \$20 for both. We do ask that the humans be 13 years old or older and under 18 years of age must have a parent present.

Call (863)675-0997 to book your spot and get complete details. Space is limited! So come, gain bragging rights on your well-behaved pet plus a portion of the proceeds will go to the wonderful dogs (and cats too) at Caloosa Humane Society. Thank you for your support LaBelle and see you soon!

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# Celebration of Reading Student Writing Contest

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. (Dec. 9, 2011) – Volunteer USA Foundation and best-selling children's author Jeff Kinney announced an entertaining writing contest open to students in southwest Florida. Kinney is well-known for his "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book series, which combines funny stories about growing up with doodles and cartoons.

"The greatest thing about Kinney's books is that they make kids laugh – from the crazy situations his characters get involved with to his silly illustrations – he is hands down a favorite among young readers," said Liza McFadden, president of Volunteer USA Foundation. In Kinney's recently released book,

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever" beloved character Greg Heffley is in trouble. When the authorities begin closing in, a surprise blizzard hits and Greg is trapped indoors with his family. Students in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties, grades 4 to 7, are invited to participate and create a funny story involving Florida's very own storm season of hurricanes, tornadoes and tropical storms. The short-story contest involves simple illustrations or a comic strip based on the "storm watch" theme.

"As a resident of New England, I've weathered a number of storms that have turned my life upside down for days or even weeks.

I've found that the best way to get through a tough situation is with a positive attitude and a good sense of humor. I'm very excited to read the contestants' essays on the 'storm watch' theme and see how they inject humor into their work," said Kinney.

Contest winners accompanied by their parents will be recognized at a VIP breakfast Friday, Feb. 17, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa and is hosted by former Gov. Jeb Bush, Mrs. Barbara Bush and members of the Bush family to support successful family literacy programs in the southeast U.S. The students will have the opportunity to visit with the author and share

their winning submissions.

Entries must be submitted electronically to Contest@VolunteerUSAFund.org or post-marked no later than the Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012 to: Volunteer USA Foundation, Attn: COR 2012 Writing Contest, 516 North Adams Street, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301.

Fifteen winners will be selected based on their writing and imagination. Winners will be listed at www.volunteerusafoundation.org and schools will be notified on Jan. 27, 2012 in conjunction with Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida.

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## Joint Hendry, Glades Dem meeting

The December joint meeting of Hendry and Glades County Democrats will be held at the club house of the Moore Haven Yacht Club at 845 Yacht Club Way on Thursday, December 29, at 6:30 p.m.

The two Democratic Executive Committees will discuss plans for a joint Jefferson-Jackson Day fundraising event, the Florida Democratic Party's Vote By Mail campaign, the county caucuses that will start the delegate selection process for the 2012 Democratic National Convention, and what Hendry and Glades County Democrats can do in both the 2012 primary and general elections.

Glades County Democratic Chair Ellen Hawk Geake and Hendry County Chair Joe Thomas extend a warm welcome to all interested Democrats especially those registered to vote in Glades and Hendry Counties to attend this and all Democratic Party meetings. All Democrats may participate in discussion, but only members of the Democratic Executive Committees may vote on decisions made at the meeting.

For directions to the Moore Haven Yacht Club or other information, please call 863-983-2922.

## Witch's Brew

by Pudge Lehman

When cutting up sticky stuff (like dried fruit) spray knife or scissors with cooking spray first.

Feel in a cookie baking mood? Freeze a few of each kind for later. Then you have a variety for unexpected company. This is for homes without children or a lock on the freezer.

When I had three teenage girls (mine) and several teenage boys (not mine) it didn't work....No lock.

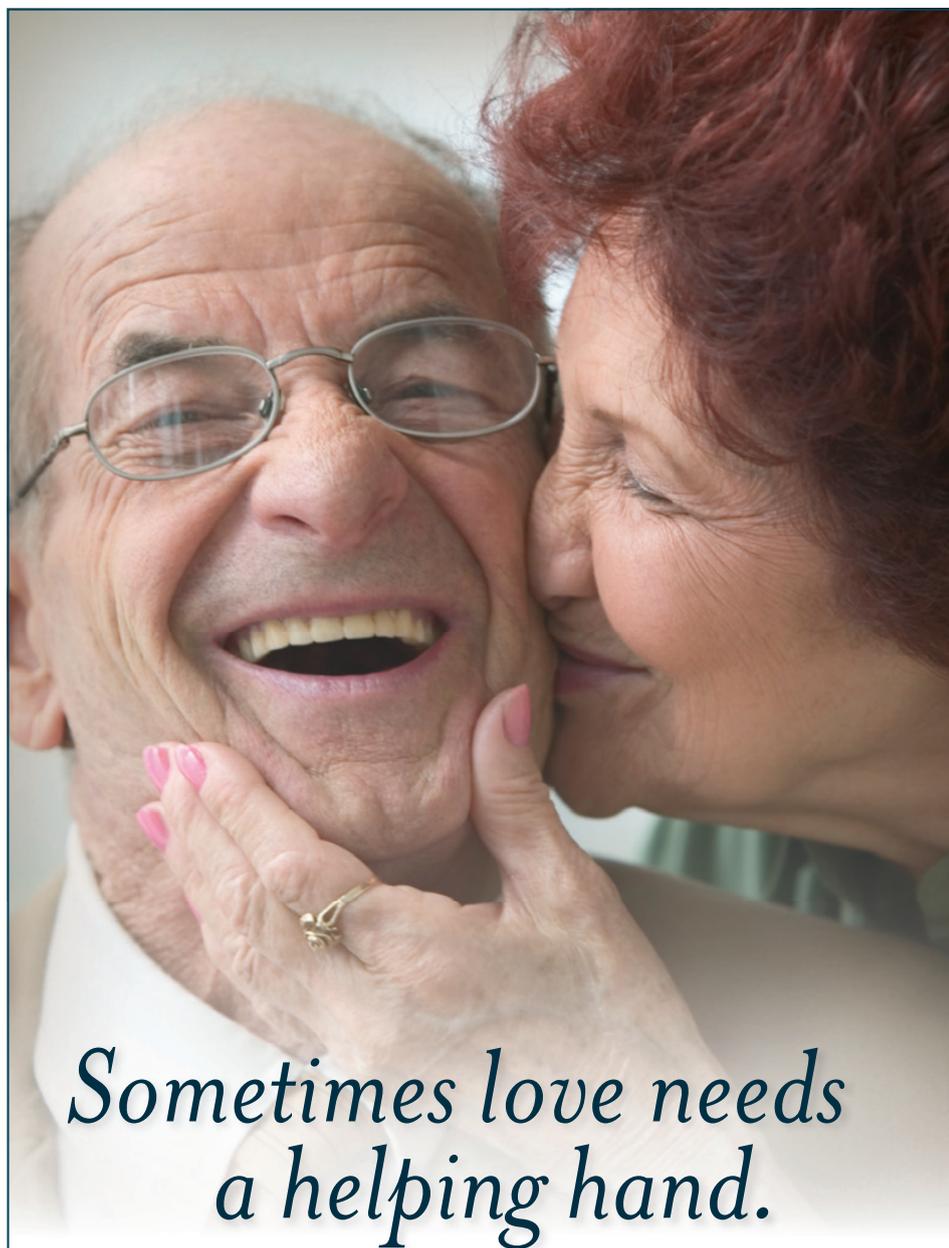
When I put the hint about ammonia on your garbage last week I never thought about the hard working garbage collectors.

This could be hard on their lungs.

Last week I rang the bell for the Salvation Army, there are lots of generous people in LaBelle. One was Don Pratt and guess what, he gave me a present of his own Guava Jelly... I love you, man.

Another thing, teach your kids to put a little in the kettle. They look so proud to help others.

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# Cowboy basketball drops two in a row

## Dunbar 60 LaBelle 54

The Dunbar Tigers visited LaBelle on Monday night handing the Cowboys their second loss of the season. The Cowboys were in the lead most of the game by as much as 11 points in the first half.

The boys came out 10-zero in the first four minutes but could not maintain their intensity. Ian Kelley had a great night rebounding with 11 while scoring 7 points.

"Free-throws and inconsistency on defense has been our Achilles heel" (Kelley). Braxton Ford finished the game with 24 points.

## Naples 59 LaBelle 54

Naples used a good second quarter run to get up seven points on the Cowboys. LaBelle had problems at the free throw line and missed a couple of opportunities to catch up late. The Cowboys will have a

chance at revenge on Jan. 14 against Naples at home 2:30-4 p.m. The Cowboys will kick the new year off with Gateway Charter On Jan. 5 at Home.

Tuesday: The Cowboys traveled to Gateway Charter to defeat the Griffins 60-42. LaBelle had four Cowboys in double figures, Andrew Jean Baptist led the way with 15 points while Devonte Ray (14), Braxton Ford (11), and Ian Kelley (10). The Cowboys played all 14 players in the contest. The win puts the Cowboys at 1-0 in District play.

Thursday: Bishop Verot traveled to LaBelle for the second district game of the year. Verot handed the Cowboys their first defeat of the season in a 64-46 win over LaBelle. The Cowboys put up a good fight for three quarters but fell behind in the fourth.

# Senior line up performing at high level of competition

## Submitted by Coach Armando Ayala

Senior Kabrel Pino wrestling at the 160 pound weight class recently finished in second place at the Okeechobee Big Lake Classic. Seniors Delendio Watson at the 152 pound weight class and Wolfgang Lynn at the 138 pound weight class wrestled to an impressive 8-1 record at the Nova Duals in Miami. Senior Octavio Vazquez and Andy McAvoy sharing the 145 pound weight class

both went 2-2.

Coach Ayala said, "The Senior class is coming together, each of them have wrestled some stiff competition thus far and all should do well in the State run series beginning the first of February."

The wrestling team will take a break from competition during the Christmas break giving them time to heal and get ready for the next series of tournaments beginning January 7 at Island Coast.

## Community Calendar

### Second Division reunion planned

Fox Lake, IL - The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the national association and our annual reunion in Reno, Nevada, from August 23-27, 2012, visit our Web site at [www.2ida.org](http://www.2ida.org) or contact the association's secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at [2idahq@comcast.net](mailto:2idahq@comcast.net) or (224) 225-1202.

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### Hatha Yoga Classes

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# Christmas giving has psychological effects

## by Pat Dobbins

The Christmas Season is a wonderful and unique time of the year when generosity fills the air.

People give with open hearts to their friends, loved ones and even to strangers. This selfless act of giving nurtures love and spirit in our relationships. According to some researchers, people who give without expecting to receive anything in return and are thought to be the most psychologically healthy people in our society. Here are 8 advantages to giving:

1. Giving can create relationships – An act of kindness and showing someone that you care emphasizes gratitude and acknowledgement of each other and thus is a critical component for establishing relationships.

2. Giving can intensify relationships – Seeing the reaction of a person's face when you give a gift is emotionally rewarding. This intensifies human relationships as we share and express ourselves more to those around us.

3. Giving helps express our inner thoughts - giving conveys and displays feelings and more particularly to those who aren't comfortable with the outward expression of emotions. Giving is a chance to convey a wide array of feelings, for instance gratitude, appreciations and thanks.

4. Giving creates memories - by means of giving we come into terms with various ways to creating memories. Our own desires to care, show interest, share time, loyalty, honesty and by taking that extra step to do something special for a special someone (preparing a special meals, making poems for our loved ones or making a special gift as a symbol of love) are just some of the hundreds of ways we can share and create memories that last for a lifetime.

5. Giving enhances predictability - Everybody is fascinated by their "abilities" to predict things. With children, in particular, predictability gives them a sense of security. Through the anticipated act of gift giving especially during birthdays and Christmas celebrations, the expectation of appreciation, in addition to acknowledgement of love, is created by the simple ritual of giving.

6. Giving is a de-stressor - the real meaning of giving is centered on unselfishness – sharing with others with no expectations of anything in return. It is about putting other people first...way ahead of ourselves. Giving takes the focus away from us, creating a more balanced way of handling the stresses in life.

7. Giving can create small miracles – Giving reinforces love in everybody's lives. It creates some sort of "power" which in turn can create miracles (big or small). Your act

of kindness could create a "pay-it-forward" chain of events.

8. Giving is good for your health - Studies show that giving back to the community is a sure fire way to raise endorphins. In addition to a change in mood, some scientists say that endorphins make our immune system stronger, lower blood pressure and could even slow down our body's aging process.

The act of giving is an outward expression of our love that is rooted deep within our hearts. There are so many ways by which we give: giving encouraging words, listening attentively, offering a friendly smile, a pat on the back, offering your time and also giving material gifts. The physical, emotional, and material aspects of giving acts as an adhesive which holds us together and restores our love for each other, creates cherished memories that last a lifetime, strengthens human relationships and develops psychological health stability and happiness for ourselves and everyone around us.



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### LES December Citizens of the Month

Citizens of the Month--older students--front row to back row row 1--Mayra Ibarra, Blake Chance, Jaime Deras, Silvino Guijosa-Bernabe, Johana Gomez row 2--James Wyatt English, Carlos Cruz-Pacheco, Rafael Trejo, Jordyn Perkins, Jesus Aguilar row 3--Daniel Angeles, Fabian Mata, Pedro Maciel, Martin Lopez, Maripaz Gonzalez.



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### LES December Citizens of the Month

Citizens of the Month--younger students--front row to back row row 1--Naydelin Gomez, Yahaira Leal, Mario Garcia, Isaac Perez, Bryan Corona row 2--Alissa Santos, Dawson Ellis, Christopher Aguilar, Jacob Rodriguez, Eryn Corbitt row 3--Tamara Gonzalez, Alexander Garcia, Max Lofton, Andrea Hernandez, Jacob Velasco, Lizzette Tapia absent--Viridiana Pacheco-Ortiz



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## The Story of Christmas

Innocent angels tended to the Infant at the Nativity. They were; from left: Chacey Wright, Kylie Petra, Stephen Howard, Gavin Howard and Lillie Howard.



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Shepherds brought their voices of praise as well. They were: Glenda Harris, Sharon Dana and Martha Lofton.



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The Wisemen brought offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh. From left the Wisemen are: Ryan Richards, Lonnie Howard and Darrell Harris.



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## Teamwork

The annual Christmas in the Park event may be sponsored by the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce and City of LaBelle, but it requires the cooperation and hard work of many groups, schools, organizations and individuals. For instance, three organizations pitched in at the pavilion during the event, providing the goodies to feed the merry band enjoying the festivities. Pictured from left: Rotarian Greg Gunter, Chamber of Commerce President Maureen Jordan and Karen Roach from the LaBelle Kiwanis Club.



INSET: Kiwanian Brenda Bartnes serves hot chocolate to thirsty patrons.

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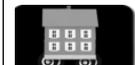
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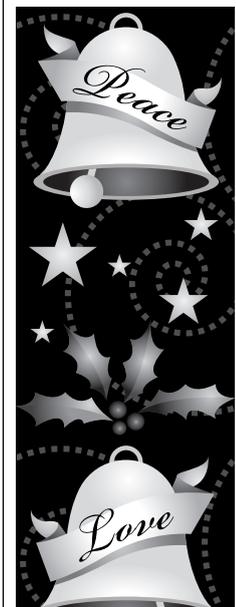


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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 22-2009-CA-000005**

**NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY,** Plaintiff  
vs.  
**AMY E. ARNOLD, et al,** Defendant(s)

### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated 6th day of December, 2012, entered in Civil Case Number 22-2009-CA-000005 in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, wherein NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY the Plaintiff, and Amy E. Arnold, et al, are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Glades County, Florida, described as:

**LOTS 26 thru 53, Block 5 and Lots 1 thru 6, 9 thru 28 and 33 thru 48, Block 6, MAGIC CITY, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1 Page 17, in the Public Records of Glades County, Florida lying in Section 1 Township 42 South, Range 28 East, Glades County, Florida.**

**Together with that certain 2006 SCTB 64 foot double-mobile home bearing VIN's SBHGA1060601487A and SBHGA1060601487B**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Highway 27 and 5th Street, Moore Haven, FL 33471 at 11:00 AM. on 12th day of Jan., 2012. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: 12-7-2011.

By: /s/ Julie Yarbrough  
Glades County Clerk of Court  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FLORIDA FORECLOSURE

**ATTORNEYS, PLLC**  
601 Cleveland Street, Suite 690  
Clearwater, FL 33755  
Telephone: (727) 446-4826

"In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J SW Suite 102, Moore Haven, FL 33471, telephone (863) 946-6010, TDD 1 800 955 8771 or 1 800 955 8770 via Florida Relay Service."

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"De acuerdo con el Acto o Decreto de los Americanos con Impedimentos, Inhabilitados, personas en necesidad del servicio especial para participar en este procedimiento deberán, dentro de un tiempo razonable, antes de cualquier procedimiento, ponerse en contacto con la oficina Administrativa de la Corte Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J SW Suite 102, Moore Haven, FL 33471, Telefono (863) 946-6010, TDD 1 800 955 8770 o 1 800 955 771 Via Florida Relay Service."

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Public Notice

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1678	2008	1224432-01000220010	Francisco Ramos Mendez & Irma Maldonado Bermudez

Lot 1, Block 22, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

405829 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ella III, LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
987	2007	1134432-A000230100	Leon & Corina Sacco

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5665, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

405820 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2584	2008	1314433-A0003940000	Pagan Juan H. Matias

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5982, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **12th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

404352 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1620	2008	1154432-A0002660100	Maria Egipica Martinez

The East one-half of the southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2648, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

405826 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1544	2008	1154432-A000370000	Carios R. Morales

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3274, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

404388 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ella III, LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1272	2007	1224432-01000130030	Estate of Benjamin A. Aruca And Estate of Martin Aruca

Lot 3 in Block 13 of Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

405825 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2548	2008	1314433-A0002260000	Everlinda Toledo

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5826, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

404342 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1897	2008	1254432-A0000230000	Berner Joseph & Lindale Joseph

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5152, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

404378 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2543	2008	1314433-A0001940000	Raul Martinez

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5703, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

404389 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Jolene Funding, LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3637	2008	4104329-03021040060	Manbel Lombo Ramon Leyva Bahar & Carlos A. Nieves Lombo

Lot 6, Block 2104, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **12th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

404345 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1875	2008	124432-A0001040100	Izquierdo Amparo Gonzalvo

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5216, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

404351 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
**HENDRY COUNTY**  
**SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON THE**  
**SOUTH SIDE OF COWBOY WAY,**  
**FROM AMANDA STREET TO WALLEN STREET AND**  
**FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29**

**BID No. 2012-04**

**Opening Date and Time: January 19, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.**

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for Sidewalk Construction on the south side of Cowboy Way, from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their bid for consideration. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any bids received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to be held on January 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Hendry County Engineering, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from Atkins, 1514 Broadway, Suite 203, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (for pick up and mailing address), or by calling 239-334-7275.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners  
 405352 CB/CN 12/15,22,29/2011 1/5/2012

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2539	2008	1314433-A0001780000	Georgina Garcia

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5768, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **12th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

404384 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1893	2008	1254432-A0000120100	Rafael Rodriguez Journet Julia Rivera Corujo

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5127, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **12th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

404368 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Crystal I, LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1136	2007	1144432-A0002470100	Carlos Ruelas & Otto A Villamizar

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 2895, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

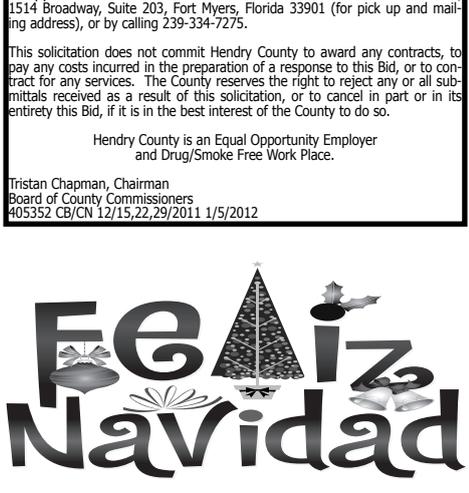
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.

Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

405823 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012



**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Tarpon IV, LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2605	2007	2164329-A000090100	Brian K. Quinn

Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida; thence South 00 degrees 50' 32" East 2445.71 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 37' 06" West 719.28 feet; thence South 00 degrees 51' 26" East 121.83 feet; thence South 43 degrees 02' 43" East 695.13 feet; thence N 89 degrees 37' 06" East 252.28 feet; thence North 00 degrees 50' 35" West 633.22 feet to the Point-of-Beginning. EXCLUDING the Northerly 175.87 feet of the Easterly 175.87 feet and EXCLUDING the following: Begin at the Northeast corner of Section 16, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida; thence South 03 degrees 31' 11" East 2624.37 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence South 86 degrees 5' 28" West 667.33 feet; thence South 45 degrees 48' 22" East 617.94 feet; thence North 86 degrees 51' 28" East 252.28 feet to the East line of Section 16; thence North 03 degrees 36' 11" West along the East line 454.34 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **12th day of January, 2012**.  
 Dated this **30th** day of **November, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

404382 CN 12/8,15,22,29/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Tarpon IV, LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
688	2007	1204529-A0000260100	Robert Dale Dunaway and Pamela O. Dunaway

The parcel hereon described is situated in the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 20, Township 45 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 20, being the Point of Beginning; thence N 05 degrees 25'10"W, (basis for bearing being the Sun Oil Company Plat, as prepared by Johnson-Hall Associates, Inc.), along the West section line of said Section 20, a distance of 1,406.38 feet; thence N 89 degrees 32'13" E, along the quarter-quarter section line a distance of 469.26 feet; thence S 05 degrees 25'10" E, a distance of 1,487.96 feet to the South section line of said Section 20; thence S 89 degrees 43'54" W, along said South section line, a distance of 469.40 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to a 30.00 foot road easement along and across the North boundary thereof.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Tuesday** in the month of **January, 2012**, which is the **26th day of January, 2012**.  
 Dated this **14th** day of **December, 2011**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

405815 CN 12/22,29/2011 & 1/5,12/2012

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND QA TESTING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH WEST COWBOY WAY FROM AMANDA STREET TO WALLEN STREET AND FROM CARLYLE STREET TO SR 29 IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**FM# 428104-1**  
**RFQ. No: 2012-08**  
**OPENING DATE: JANUARY 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the construction of a sidewalk on West Cowboy Way from Amanda Street to Wallen Street and from Carlyle Street to SR 29. Firms submitting must have expertise in construction administration, quality assurance testing, and any other requirements that FDOT may impose in the LAP Agreement. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m. on January 19, 2012, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Office, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL 33935 (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request; however, Hendry County will not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of documents sent via email.

The solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFQ, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFQ, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.

Tristan Chapman, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners  
 405351 CB/CN 12/15,22,29/2011 1/5/2012

# The importance of Virus Protection

Welcome to another edition of Computer Corner, the place to go for valuable tips aimed at keeping your computer healthy and hopefully saving you money.

Feel free to write to us at [computercorner@cprtools.net](mailto:computercorner@cprtools.net) – you might just see the answer to your question in the Caloosa Belle!

This week, we'll discuss Virus and Malware protection.

For many of us, internet connected computers are a primary communications link to the world.

For everyone who uses the internet, there's a fairly detailed list of things that are important specifically for them.

## COMPUTER CORNER

Computer viruses have been around almost since the dawn of the personal computer.

As Windows is the predominant operating system, it is most heavily targeted by those who would seek to use \*your\* computer for their means.

Emails with links or attachments are common ways in which users get infected with viruses or malware. Even the most experienced and savvy users can get infected.

Since we can't take the human factor out of computer use, it is vitally important to carefully select mechanisms to help protect your system.

Virus and malware protection programs are available in great number, but be wary of the phonies.

When making your selection, remember that you are entrusting the software with the protection of your system and your privacy. Do research and choose wisely.

There are free and paid services and programs available and many do the job well. Just as many, however, are wolves in sheep's clothing - these actually install the viruses and malware from which they claim to be protecting you.

Everyone's use of their internet connection is unique. Because of this, we can't make firm recommendations but it is important to select software from reputable sources.

In no particular order, Microsoft, AVG, Avast, McAfee, Symantec/Norton and others have legitimate offerings to help protect your computer(s) from evil doers. Some offer free and/or paid subscription options with varying degrees of protection.

This list is by no means exhaustive, and users should remember that no software can protect a user from their own mistakes. Being a well informed and savvy internet user is the best first line of defense.

To do your part in keeping your system safe, the bottom line is simple: Carefully think about links you click and software you run on your system.

When in doubt, don't. Running your system while it is infected may well mean that you are contributing to the billions of daily unsolicited emails (SPAM) being sent all over the world. Furthermore, your private information may be at risk.

If you think you've been infected with a virus or some malware, contact a qualified technician.

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Submitted photo/Margaret England Barred Owl at Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

# Bird watching the Barred Owl

by Margaret England  
 Hendry-Glades Audubon

Bird calls and bird songs are important components to being able to identify birds, notice their presence and observe their behavior. Many field guides will include descriptions of bird's vocalizations using human words such as the "who cooks for you, who cooks for you-all" of the Barred Owl. Unlike other common Florida owls, Barred Owls are frequently heard during the day. Their various calls include crackles, hoots, caws and gurgles that have been described as sounding like a monkey or a buzzy raspy hiss when they are agitated.

Florida's best-known resident owl is called many names including Eight Hooter, Rain Owl, Wood Owl, Striped Owl and Hoot Owl. The Barred Owl is a large bird having a pale face with dark rings around the eyes, a hooked yellow beak and brown eyes. The head of the Barred Owl is round with no ear tufts. Under parts are whitish with dark streaks while the upper parts are mottled gray-brown. There is horizontal barring on the chest while the belly is streaked lengthwise. Feathers cover the legs and feet to the talons.

Barred Owls have a diverse diet which includes mammals, invertebrates, amphibians and reptile which they usually devour on the spot. Hunting generally occurs near dawn or dusk. At night they have been known to be attracted to campfires or lights where they forage for large insects.

These resident owls are found in moist woodlands, hammocks, cypress swamps and along creeks, rivers and streams. Populations are being observed in suburban neighborhoods where they often build nests in tree cavities. These highly territorial birds can live up to ten years. Bonded pairs have been observed nodding or bowing to each other.

In southern Florida the female will begin laying a clutch of two to three eggs in early January. The male will bring food to the female while she incubates the eggs until the hatch in about four weeks. The young owls fledge at four to five weeks after hatching.

If you would like to participate in upcoming bird trips to STA5 or receive the October-December 2.01 Hendy-Glades Audubon digital newsletter, e-mail Margaret England [sta5birdittig@embarqmail.com](mailto:sta5birdittig@embarqmail.com) or call (863) 674-0695 or (863) 517-0202. The schedule of STA5 trips through December 2012 and upcoming Hendry-Glades Audubon programs is available on the HGAS Web site at: [www.hendrygladesaudubon.org](http://www.hendrygladesaudubon.org).

**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 09001283CA**

BANKUNITED Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 JORGE H. PEDROZA; MARIA DEL PILAR LACOUTURE; UNKNOWN PERSON #1 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNKNOWN PERSON #2 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 28, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09001283 CA, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida. BANKUNITED is Plaintiff and JORGE H. PEDROZA; MARIA DEL PILAR LACOUTURE; UNKNOWN PERSON #1 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNKNOWN PERSON #2 IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY, IN FRONT OF OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS, ADMINISTRATION BLDG, HENDRY CO. COURTHOUSE, AT 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE, LABELLE IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 4th day of January, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**Public Notice**

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**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Pursuant to Chapter 298.12, Florida Statutes, a meeting of landowners of BARRON WATER CONTROL DISTRICT will be held at 2:00 P.M., January 5, 2012, at the District office on 3293 Dellwood Terrace, Port LaBelle, Florida, 33935.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect one member of the Board of Supervisors and review annual reports.

Landowners may cast one vote for each acre or fraction thereof owned, either in person or by proxy. Proxy forms are available by calling 863-675-0346. The Board of Supervisors will meet immediately after adjournment of the Landowners' Meeting.

This meeting is open to the public.

Mark D. Colbert, Chairman  
 405193 CN/CB 12/22,29/2011

**Public Notice**

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A LOT NO. 2805, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the J's pendens must file a claim with 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2011.

BARBARA S. BUTLER  
 As Clerk of said Court  
 By: /s/ J. Bevis  
 As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 25 East Hickpochee, LaBelle, FL 33935, Phone No. (941) 3355-2299 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-8009558771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).  
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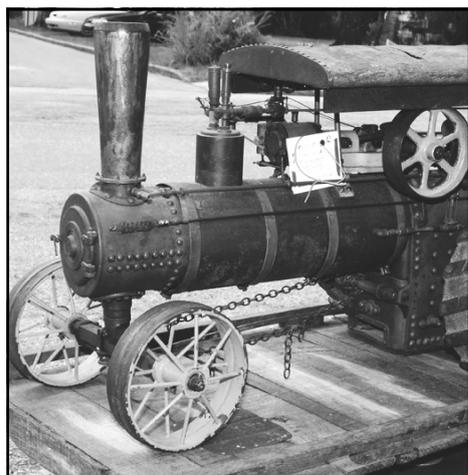


Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant



## Students for Science Success

Recently, residents of the Verandah delivered a \$10,000 check to LaBelle Elementary School to help set up a science lab. The money came from the Veranda Fund of the Southwest Community Foundation. Pictured from left: Jane Cooper, Rollie Comstock, Nancy Parvin, Carol Jameson, fifth grade science teacher Fred Hubbard, third grade reading teacher and science committee member Katie Williamson and Superintendent of Schools Rick Murphy. In front: LES Principal John Baker accepts the check from General Manager of the Verandah Paul Martin. Roslyn Heaton is not pictured. Monies in the Verandah Fund come from .25 percent of resold home sales, which go into the Verandah Fund. According to Mr. Martin, "Helping a child benefits the child and us all."



Caloosa Belle/Dale Conyers

## Steam power

The machine you are viewing is properly called a Steam Traction Engine, christened so by early motive power developers in, God save the Queen, England. English farmers and road workers had workable units as early as 1830. This model was made by William Louis Riddle, Jr. of Muse. In the model trade it is referred to as one inch scale, meaning, one inch is equivalent to one foot, ie, the rear driving wheels are six inches in diameter, on the real machine they were six feet in diameter. Early units weighed from eight to 15 tons and those constructed as late as 1934 in the United States, weighed as much as 50 tons. Louis' model was begun in late 1964 and (completed to the present state) in early 1968. During 5,000 hours spare time it was constructed from scrap metals, etc, and the only parts not fabricated by him were the engine frame and cylinder casting, main drive gears (2), water pump, four valves and assorted nuts and bolts. The engine can be fired up and run under live steam at approximately 70 psi. It uses considerable amounts of water and fuel is supplied by a Coleman Lantern butane cylinder, which will operate it for approximately one-half hour. Firing up requires about 20 minutes, and to see it operate under steam is a treat. It has been shown and operated many times at the annual South Florida Historical Railway Society meet, of which Louis professes to be "a behind in my dues member."

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